



MABO

The House of Bravery and Fairness

Named in honour of: Edward Koiki Mabo (Eddie)

Significant achievements/contribution to society: Mabo was an indigenous Australian man from the Torres Strait Islands. Born in 1936, he was taught the importance of respecting other peoples' land. He was a skilled performer and teacher of indigenous song and dance. He also enjoyed painting, specifically watercolours.

Mabo involved himself in politics and community organisations, becoming a prominent leader for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Mabo was known for his role in campaigning for indigenous land rights. In a landmark decision, the High Court of Australia overturned the legal doctrine of terra nullius (land belonging to no one). This paved the way for the Commonwealth Native Titles Act 1993, recognising traditional land rights of his family and indigenous peoples.

- 1992: posthumously awarded the Australian Human Rights Medal, along with his fellow plaintiffs 'in recognitions of their long and determined battle to gain justice for indigenous peoples'.
- 1993: voted Australian of the Year 1992 by *The Australian* newspaper.
- Mabo Day: celebrated in 3 June each year to commemorate his courageous efforts.

Character strengths: Bravery, fairness, teamwork and leadership.

Colour of MABO: Sky blue

Animal totem: Kookaburra

Strengths of animal totem:

Their distinctive laugh is a warning to other kookaburras to stay out of their territory

What does MABO stand for?

Bravery and perseverance by embracing activism in order to change rights and freedoms of Indigenous Australians.

WAR CRY

Sliding through the court system, fighting for justice

We think the other houses need some practise

Put em on a judge's bench show them how to win

Come on Mabo, let's throw them in the bin

Goooo Maboooo!

